

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Editorial changes have been made to claims 161, 165, 169, 173, 179, 183 and 195.

New claim 199 is a modified wording of claim 73 and should be allowable for the same reason that claim 77 is allowable.

Each claim 14, 64, 65, 73, 94, 103, 121, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 179, 180, 181, 183, 185, 187, 195, 197 and 199 is an independent claim. Each of these claims is directed to a patentably distinct invention or a patentably distinct species with no generic claim to these species. Applicants suggest the following restriction requirement.

Group	Claims in the Group
1	14
2	64
3	65
4	73, 199
5	94
6	103
7	104
8	161, 162
9	163, 164
10	165, 166
11	167, 168
12	169, 170
13	171, 172
14	173, 174, 176, 189, 190
15	175, 177, 178, 191, 192
16	179, 193
17	180, 194
18	181, 182
19	183, 184, 195, 196
20	185, 186, 197, 198
21	187, 188

If the Examiner agrees with applicants' Suggested Restriction Requirement, applicants elect without traverse Group 19 (Claims 183, 184, 195, 196), applicants authorize the Examiner to cancel claims 14, 64, 65, 73, 94, 103, 104, 161 to 182 and 185 to 194 and 197 to 199 by Examiner's amendment, request that the Examiner state the Examiner's amendment agreement with the Suggested Restriction Requirement and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 183, 184, 195 and 196.

If the Examiner does not agree with the Suggested Restriction Requirement, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 14, 64, 65, 73, 94, 103, 121 and 161 to 199.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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